SEC. 16. The appropriation contained herein for "Capital Outlay" shall be withheld from obligation by deletion of projects in an amount sufficient to assure the operation of the District of Columbia government within available revenues in the event of failure of enactment of H.R. 258, Eighty-seventh Congress, or other similar legislation. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1962".

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Public Law 87-266

AN ACT

To amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to encourage the construction and maintenance of American-flag vessels built in American shipyards.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 901 (b) Merchant Marine of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1241), is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following: “For purposes of this section, the term ‘privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels’ shall not be deemed to include any vessel which, subsequent to the date of enactment of this amendment, shall have been either (a) built outside the United States, (b) rebuilt outside the United States, or (c) documented under any foreign registry, until such vessel shall have been documented under the laws of the United States for a period of three years: Provided, however, That the provisions of this amendment shall not apply where, (1) prior to the enactment of this amendment, the owner of a vessel, or contractor for the purchase of a vessel, originally constructed in the United States and rebuilt abroad or contracted to be rebuilt abroad, has notified the Maritime Administration in writing of its intent to document such vessel under United States registry, and such vessel is so documented on its first arrival at a United States port not later than one year subsequent to the date of the enactment of this amendment, or (2) where prior to the enactment of this amendment, the owner of a vessel under United States registry has made a contract for the rebuilding abroad of such vessel and has notified the Maritime Administration of such contract, and such rebuilding is completed and such vessel is thereafter documented under United States registry on its first arrival at a United States port not later than one year subsequent to the date of the enactment of this amendment.”

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Public Law 87-267

AN ACT

To repeal sections 1176 and 1177 of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 1176 and 1177 of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia (18 Stat. 136; D.C. Code, secs. 22–3401, 3402, and 3403) are hereby repealed.

Approved September 21, 1961.